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**REPORT SPIKED** — Frank Handy backs White House denial concerning engagement of Miss Truman.

## White House Says Margaret Not Engaged

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP) — The White House today said President Truman's daughter Margaret is not engaged to be married.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross was asked about a report that Frank Handy of Ypsilanti, Mich., would become engaged to Margaret soon. Handy is the son of G. C. Handy, publisher of the Ypsilanti Press.

"The answer is positively no," Ross said.

"Is she about to get engaged?" a reporter asked.

"Not to my knowledge," Ross said.

Mrs. Reathel Odum, secretary to Mrs. Truman, also said the report "definitely is not so."

Margaret herself could not be reached.

In Chicago Handy said the White House was denying the report, "and I think I'll stand on that."

## Stassen Here on Tour Soon

Harold Stassen, candidate for the Republican nomination for President, will be in Los Angeles within the next 10 days in connection with a campaign tour by air which will start in Minneapolis Feb. 15 and will take the candidate and his party through North Dakota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Texas and Missouri. Stassen's local headquarters announced yesterday that he will reach a decision during his visit here concerning tentative plans for entering a Stassen-for-President delegation in the Oregon and California primaries.

## Warren to Attend Laredo (Tex.) Fete

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 10. (AP) — Gov. Warren said today he will attend the 51st annual Washington Birthday celebration at Laredo, Tex., Feb. 22. He will fly from Los Angeles to Monterrey, Mex., where he will meet Governors of Mexican States and drive with them to Laredo for the affair, which he said is in the nature of a hands-across-the-border event.

## Tenney Group Calls Witnesses

Some 40 to 50 individuals described as "prominent and professional people" are being served with subpoenas to appear before a session next Tuesday morning of the Senate Un-American Activities Committee headed by Jack B. Tenney, his office announced yesterday.

Next Sunday, two days prior to the principal hearing, the Tenney group will confer with its newly organized advisory council composed of representatives of religious, civic and service organizations, who have pledged aid in the drive to expose persons identified with Communism. Both meetings will be held in the State Building.

Tenney declined to give names in connection with the Tuesday session. He indicated that the meeting may be the first of an extended local series, adding that notables from the film colony and other business spheres will be called.

One item on the agenda, he said, will deal with an inquiry into recent activities at the Di Giorgio farms near Bakersfield.

## Leader of Communist Party Arrested by F.B.I.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP) — Federal Bureau of Investigation agents arrested a high official of the American Communist party today in New York and hustled him off to Ellis Island for a deportation hearing.

The arrested man is John Williamson, the party's labor secretary. He was described by a

Justice Department official as "the most important figure in the Communist party" against whom the department so far has taken action.

The Justice Department said that Williamson actually was born in Scotland but "has been posing as an American citizen for many years." The department said Williamson claimed that he was born in California but that his birth record was destroyed in the San Francisco earthquake.

He was held without bond pending deportation proceedings.

## Equal Wage Rates for Women Backed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (AP) — Legislation to require employers to pay women workers the same rates men receive for comparable work was indorsed today by Secretary of Labor Schwel-lenbach as "a matter of simple justice."

Schwel-lenbach told a House Labor subcommittee considering the legislation that "if a woman does the same job, or a job requiring comparable skill, she ought to be paid the same rate as a man."

The legislation was introduced by two women House members, Margaret Chase Smith (R.) Me., and Helen Gahagan Douglas (D.) Cal.

## Wallace Raps Foreign Policy

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (AP) — Henry Wallace said tonight the United States is supporting a British policy that "seeks to support the feudal lords of the Arab world as they try to suppress Jew and Arab alike."

The third party Presidential candidate discussed foreign policy in a radio talk supporting Leo Isaacson, American Labor Party candidate for Congress in a special election in the 24th Congressional District.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mayor William O'Dwyer are scheduled to speak Thursday in support of Karl Propper, Democrat, who is opposing Isaacson.

Wallace said the United States is "to all intents and purposes" supporting the policy of Ernest Bevin in Palestine and our foreign policy in general "supports kings, reactionaries and Fascists all around the world."

## Inquiry in Fatal Air Crash Slated

Investigation into a transport crash in which 32 persons were killed Jan. 28 near Coalinga will be conducted in the Santa Monica Postoffice building next Friday, the Civil Aeronautics Board announced yesterday.

Russell Potter, C.A.B. investigator, will conduct the inquiry and evidence will be forwarded to Washington for final analysis, according to James N. Peyton, chief of the C.A.B. regional office.

# SKYWAYS

## BY MARVIN MILES

**Skyways**, a wartime casualty among the columns, resumes its weekly appearance in *The Times* today, dedicated to all phases of aeronautics—and to the thousands of Southlanders who are interested in aviation.

Major events in the field, of course, appear on the news pages, so *Skyways* will point for the little inside items (those that can be told), for military trends, industrial developments and personalities, for predictions, books, reports and chit-chat . . .

Seems there is some disagreement on the showing of the California Air National Guard's F-80s in the jet division of the Bendix race.

J. L. Nolan of North American, writing "in the interest of fair play," says Maj. Bob De Haven claims he took off unofficially at Long Beach at 11:32 a.m. (PDT) and was clocked in at Cleveland 4h. 9m. later.

Actually, Nolan avers, Bob took off some five minutes earlier and thus did not beat the Navy jet *Fury* flown by Ensign E. T. Brown with an elapsed time of 4h. 10m. 34.4s.

We checked this out with the major and he gave us his starting time as 11:27:30 a.m. which tallies to the second with the time given us by a Western Union timer moments after the take-off.

Bob's arrival time was taken (unofficially) by the Cleveland tower, he says, at 3:37 (PDT) for an elapsed time of 4h. 9 m. 30s. But the Navy jets were carrying guns and ammunition, so for all intents and purposes it was practically a photo finish.

Some air line publicity men may shudder at this, but *Skyways* proposes to brief Civil Aeronautics Board reports on all major accidents. Too long have the crashes been news and the reasons forgotten.

At hand is the report of the Northwest Airlines DC-4 that rammed into Mt. Sanford, Alaska, last March 12, killing six crew members and 24 passengers.

The ship was flying a course off the airway and the probable cause, given by CAB, was the pilot's failure to see the mountain "which was probably obscured by clouds or the aurora borealis or both . . ."

One pilot, flying in the area little more than two hours after the crash, said the bright northern lights appeared as hanging curtains and obscured the peak for periods of one to five minutes.

In the crash of an Airline Transport Carriers DC-3 which claimed 32 lives near Coalinga, Cal. last January, the CAB determined that the probable cause was "the failure of the left wing in flight as a result of damage by fire which had its source in a defective left engine-driven fuel pump."

Rarely is CAB at loss for a "probable" explanation. An exception is the long-delayed report on the Eastern Air Lines DC-4 crash that killed 53 persons near Bainbridge, Md., in May 1947.

Ten theories are presented as a result of an exhaustive investigation, some obviously refuted, others unproved and unprovable. The final determination: "Probable cause . . . was a sudden loss of control for reasons unknown, resulting in a dive to the ground."

Nevertheless two airworthiness directives (seven new inspection operations and several technical orders) involving the tail assembly were issued as a result.

Semiofficial confirmation for *The Times'* explanation of the "great air raid" on Los Angeles in February, 1942, is published in the first volume of "The Army Air Forces in World War

II," a projected seven-volume history assembled by the Historical Division of the AAF.

This newspaper in 1943 listed the most logical target for the thunderous antiaircraft firing (1440 rounds were shot skyward) as not Japanese airplanes but rather a lighted weather balloon released by a barrage balloon detachment.

The AAF history details the "raid," then adds: "A careful study of the evidence suggests that meteorological balloons—known to have been released over Los Angeles — may well have caused the initial alarm."

W. S. Grant, Santa Monica distributor for Mooney Aircraft, Wichita, Kan., has taken delivery on the first M-18, a single-seat, low-wing light plane resembling a midget fighter. It will hit 100 m.p.h., cover 400 miles on eight gallons of fuel.

The new Glendale Aviation Center will open at Grand Central Air Terminal today (noon to 4 p.m.) with aircraft displays, precision flights, demonstration hops and contests for student, private and commercial pilots.

In the book department, watch for "California's 100 Years of Flying," by Garey W. Carr, with a foreword by Times Columnist Bill Henry. Carr carries his detail history from 1849's projected three-day airship transportation (New York to California) for gold rushers up to present-day transports, jets and rocket ships. The illustrated book will be out early next year.

Or if you like combat books—and if you're familiar with the wartime B-26—you'll enjoy "Flak Bait" by Devon Francis. It's the saga of the *Marauder* from the early days when she was regarded as a "death trap" to her emergence as one of the best tactical planes over Europe.



**HONORED**—Superintendent of Schools Stoddard presents scholarship award to Frank O. Hulin who was chosen "Hi-Y Boy of the Year" among 170 clubs.

## James O. Hulin Named 'Hi-Y Boy of the Year'

James O. Hulin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Hulin of 3220 Dorchester Ave., a Woodrow Wilson High School senior, was yesterday named as the "Hi-Y Boy of the Year."

Hulin's selection by a jury of educational and business leaders headed by Superintendent of Schools Alexander G. Stoddard climaxed a competition of 170 Los Angeles YMCA Hi-Y Clubs in 31 high schools. His award was a year's scholarship at Occidental College.

Hulin had a straight A average in nearly all of his scholastic subjects. He intends to enter John Muir Junior College. He will be graduated from high school next week. He is vice-president

of the student body at Woodrow Wilson High, and plans to become a physicist.

### Widow Asks Damages for Death of Flier

Damages of \$300,000 over the death of Marlon H. Ewing, 32 charter air-line pilot, were demanded yesterday in a suit filed in Superior Court. Ewing's widow Mrs. Dorothy R. Ewing, 31 brought the suit for herself and son, Marlon R., 5. The complaint was filed against Airline Transport Carriers, Inc. and its president, Charles E. Sherman. Mrs. Ewing contends that a plane belonging to the concern and carrying her husband as co-pilot crashed near Coalinga Jan. 28 1948.

## ERMINE COATS AND NEW CARS FAIL TO MATCH \$150 IN BANK

Arthur W. Kandle, 36, had more ideas than a Pyramid Club promoter for living the easy life.

For the past few days Kandle, who lives at 137 W. Pomona Ave., Monrovia, made the rounds of Pasadena merchants and put in orders for (1) a \$1200 ermine coat, (2) three upper-price bracket automobiles, (3) a three-carat diamond ring, (4) an expensive velvet cape and (5) several hundred dollars worth of choice liquors.

Before making deliveries, however, the stores and show rooms involved checked Kandle's bank account on which he had issued checks. The total: \$150 credited to his actual bank account.

The man was arrested in Monrovia and is scheduled to submit to a psychopathic examination.